

REMARKS

Claims 7, 10 and 29 have been amended. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled. Claims 1-6 and 11-28 have been withdrawn as to a non-elected invention. Claims 1-7 and 10-29 remain pending. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-referenced application in light of the amendments and foregoing remarks.

At the outset, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that dependent claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 9 has been incorporated into independent claim 7.

The Office Action on pg. 5, indicates that "the prior art, either singly or in combination, fails to anticipate or render obvious," a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device, comprising, *inter alia*, that the "step of forming said layer of etching barrier resin further comprises discharging droplets of a raw etching barrier resin material of an amount smaller for an area in vicinity of a periphery, than other portions, of said opening," as now recited in amended claim 7.

Claim 10 depends from the allowable subject matter of claim 7 and should be similarly allowable, and on its own merits. Consequently, claims 7 and 10 should be in condition for immediate allowance.

In addition, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claim 29 is in condition for allowance except for a minor typographical error. Claim 29 has been amended to correct the typographical error. Accordingly, claim 29 should be in immediate condition for allowance as indicated by the Office Action (pg. 5).

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims (claims 7, 10, and 29) in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to review and pass this application to issue.

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